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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF AMERICAN CITIZENS TO AND IN THE GERMAN  
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REFERENCE: PRAGUE 3013

GUIDELINES FOR TRAVEL BY OFFICIALS OF ALLIED GOVERNMENTS  
TO AND IN THE GDR ARE NOW BEING DISCUSSED IN THE BONN  
GROUP. WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE OUTCOME OF THOSE DISCUS-  
SIONS, POSTS OTHER THAN AMEMBASSY BERLIN AND USMISSION  
BERLIN SHOULD BE GUIDED BY FOLLOWING UNTIL BONN GROUP PAPER  
HAS BEEN APPROVED:

A. BEARERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS MAY OB-  
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TAIN GDR VISAS AND TRAVEL TO AND THROUGH GDR. AMEMBASSY

BERLIN AND US MISSION BERLIN SHOULD BE NOTIFIED OF SUCH TRAVEL IN ADVANCE.

B. TRAVELERS MAY ENTER THE GDR AT ANY AUTHORIZED CROSSING POINT AND MAY TRAVEL IN THE GDR, INCLUDING EAST BERLIN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THEIR VISA AND GDR REGULATIONS. TRAVELERS WHO WISH TO ENTER OR EXIT WEST BERLIN MUST DO SO AT A WEST BERLIN-GDR CHECKPOINT (NOT AN EAST BERLIN-WEST BERLIN CHECKPOINT). THIS IS NECESSARY

TO AVOID HAVING GDR BORDER CROSSING STAMP PLACED IN VISAED PASSPORT AT CROSSING POINTS BETWEEN SOVIET SECTOR AND WESTERN SECTOR OF BERLIN INDICATING THAT THIS IS GDR STATE BORDER. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES FACT THAT THIS MAY PROVE TO BE INCONVENIENCE TO TRAVELERS.

C. FOR REASONS SET FORTH B ABOVE, TRAVELERS ALSO SHOULD AVOID RAIL TRAVEL TO WEST BERLIN WHICH NECESSITATES ENTERING OF WESTERN SECTORS FROM EAST BERLIN, RATHER THAN DIRECTLY FROM GDR. IN RARE CASES WHERE SUCH RAIL TRAVEL IS NECESSARY FOR MEDICAL OR OTHER PRESSING PERSONAL REASONS, POSTS SHOULD PROVIDE FULL PARTICULARS TO US MISSION BERLIN AND ARRANGE FOR PICKUP BY USMISSION CAR AT TRAIN STATION IN EAST BERLIN FOR CROSSING OF SECTOR BOUNDARY INTO WEST BERLIN. WHEN CROSSING SECTOR CHECKPOINT IN MISSION CAR, GDR OFFICIALS ACCEPT SIMPLY DISPLAYING OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT AND QUESTION OF POSSIBLE STAMP DOES NOT THEREFORE ARISE. INGERSOLL

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